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All,

First I wanted to thank you for yesterday's meeting. I thought it was productive and represented the next step forward towards completing the Portland Harbor RI/FS. Second, I wanted to forward a series of questions and requests related to the LWG data base and GIS layers.

As we go forward and develop greater specificity for the sampling required to complete the RI/FS, it will be important that all relevant data is included in the LWG data base. Studies that should be included in the data base include the recently collected DMMP data and the upstream and ancillary studies identified in Section 2.2 of the Data Gaps Memo. To reiterate, these studies include:

Semi-Permeable Membrane Device data collected by Oregon State University Researchers;
Data collected by the USGS through its National Water Quality Assessment Program;
Data collected as part of the Ross Island remedial investigation performed under DEQ oversight;
Data collected as part of the Schnitzer and Zidell remedial Investigations performed under DEQ oversight;
Data collected by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to support its Dredged Material Management Program; and
Mid-Willamette Study performed by DEQ.

EPA recognizes that some of this data may already be in the data base. Please have any of the data sets identified above entered into the data base if you have not already done so and if the data are available and of acceptable quality. An updated data base with this information should be made available to the agency team as soon as practicable.

It is also important that all relevant GIS layers are made available to the agency team. In particular, sampling locations from the round 2 sampling efforts that took place this fall should be provided to the agency team as soon as they are available. These include Round 2B sediment core locations, transition zone water sampling locations and the recently collected benthic tissue and co-located sediment sample locations.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact me.

Thanks, Eric